IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A pivoting arrangement for effecting pivotal movement of a marine propulsion device adapted to be pivotally supported about a pivot axis on an associated watercraft comprising a cylinder assembly defining a cylinder bore and adapted to be pivotally connected to one of the watercraft and the marine propulsion device, a piston supported for reciprocation within said cylinder bore, a piston rod affixed to said piston for operation thereby and extending externally of said cylinder assembly and adapted to be pivotally connected to the other of the watercraft and the marine propulsion device, at least one of said pivotal connections being formed by a cylindrical ~~portion~~ projection integrally formed by the associated component being pivotally connected and received within a corresponding shaped opening formed within the other component pivotally connected.

2. (Original) A pivoting arrangement as set forth in claim 1 wherein the one pivotal connection is formed by the piston rod.

3. (Original) A pivoting arrangement as set forth in claim 2 wherein the pivotal connection is formed by an cylindrical end part of the piston rod that extends transversely to the reciprocal axis of said piston rod.

4. (Currently Amended) A pivoting arrangement as set forth in claim 3 wherein ~~cylindrical end part of the piston rod is pivotally clamped between~~ the corresponding shaped opening formed within the other component pivotally connected is formed by a pair of connected bearing portions ~~affixed to the associated component being pivotally connected~~.

5. (Original) A pivoting arrangement as set forth in claim 4 wherein the connected bearing portions each define complementary cylindrical surfaces of a diameter corresponding to that of the cylindrical end part.

6. (Original) A pivoting arrangement as set forth in claim 5 wherein there are two sets of connected bearing portions each receiving a respective end of the cylindrical end part.

7. (Previously Amended) A pivoting arrangement for effecting pivotal movement of a marine propulsion device adapted to be pivotally supported about a pivot axis on an associated watercraft comprising a cylinder assembly defining a cylinder bore and adapted to be pivotally connected to one of the watercraft and the marine propulsion device, a piston supported for reciprocation within said cylinder bore, a piston rod affixed to said piston for operation thereby and extending externally of said cylinder assembly and adapted to be pivotally connected to the other of the watercraft and the marine propulsion device, at least one of said pivotal connections being formed by a cylindrical portion formed by a cylindrical end part of said piston rod that extends transversely to the reciprocal axis of said piston rod, and an anti friction bushing clamped around ~~the~~ said cylindrical end portion by a pair of connected bearing portions.

8. (Original) A pivoting arrangement as set forth in claim 7 wherein the connected bearing portions each define complementary cylindrical surfaces of a diameter corresponding to that of the cylindrical end part.

9. (Original) A pivoting arrangement as set forth in claim 8 wherein there are two sets of connected bearing portions each receiving a respective end of the cylindrical end part.